



# Liability Insurance

Under College By-law No. 5, you must have professional liability insurance if you are a member and practising dietetics. You are not required to submit proof of liability insurance each year. Instead, the College ensures compliance with the by-law in three ways:

1. All members must answer declaration questions about their insurance coverage at renewal;
2. The College randomly selects a small group of members to provide proof of their insurance coverage each year; and
3. At any time, the Registrar may request proof of a member's insurance coverage.

## 2017 RANDOM SELECTION

There were two noteworthy statistics from the 2017 random selection process for confirming members' liability insurance coverage:

- An increase in the number of members who were found to have a gap in their insurance coverage, and
- An increase in the number of members who did not respond to the College's request to provide proof of their insurance coverage.

## WHAT YOU MUST KNOW

- The College has authority to suspend members who do not carry liability insurance while practising dietetics, or who do not provide proof of their liability insurance coverage when asked to do so by the College; and
- Section 4.4 under the Registration Regulation, states that it is a term, condition and limitation of all certificates of registration that:
  - "4. The member shall maintain professional liability insurance in the amount and in the form as required under the by-laws, and the member shall immediately advise the Registrar if the member no longer maintains such insurance."
- A member found to be practicing without appropriate insurance could be referred to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee because under section 1.2 of the *Professional Misconduct Regulation* it would be considered professional misconduct if a member was found to be:
  - "2. Contravening a term, condition, or limitation imposed on the member's certificate of registration."

## Renewal Notice

Your annual renewal fees, form, and SDL Tool are due by October 31 each year.

Additional fees will apply if your renewal fees, your renewal form and/or your SDL Tool are received after 11:59 pm on October 31, 2017.

### You have 60 days – don't wait.

The renewal portal is open from September 1 to October 31, 2017.

Renew early to make sure you have plenty of time to review your responses for accuracy.

Access the renewal portal and your SDL Tool by logging into your member dashboard at [www.collegeofdietitians.org](http://www.collegeofdietitians.org)